

## 5. FENDALTON/WAIMAIRI COMMUNITY FACILITIES 2003 ANNUAL REVIEW

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The purpose of this report is to submit for the Committee's information the **attached** 2003 Annual Review regarding the operations of the four Council community facilities in the Fendalton/Waimairi area.

This review has been undertaken in accordance with the Council's Management Guidelines for Community Facilities.

Members will recall the earlier circulation of the report by Paul McOscar who highlighted the following matters:

### 1. Fendalton Community Centre

With the completion of the ex library portion of the building and inclusion within the Community Centre community use is increasing steadily. The redesign has met with community's needs and is proving very successful.

### 2. Avice Hill Craft Centre

Again usage has fallen off although operational costs are now more acceptable. Along with most Council community centres a significant promotional plan is required to attract greater use.

### 3. Bishopdale Community Centre

Usage of this facility is fluctuating with a number of long term user groups either reducing their bookings or in several cases terminating use. The YMCA was required to subsidise the operational cost of the Centre as insufficient revenue was achieved to break even. It is unfortunate that the Council was not able to incorporate and include the Bishopdale Community Centre within the redevelopment proposals for the proposed stand alone YMCA facility at Bishopdale. The aging building is causing some difficulties particularly for the community Police, centre office and the CAB.

### 4. Harewood Hall

The management committee advise that three new activity groups have commenced at the Hall. This has increased use slightly. Again the ageing Hall creates some difficulty for user groups as the design and size of the Hall is somewhat expensive to heat using small wall mounted fan heaters.

Members are advised that the Council's Facilities Assets Unit is shortly to commence on asset review of all the Council's community centres. This may have an impact and acknowledge some of the shortfalls associated with local facilities.

#### **Staff**

**Recommendation:** That the report be received.